



ASMC Newsletter . . . Mount Vernon Chapter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patricia Ackerman, CDFM

Well here we are in the Month of May and many exciting things are taking place this month. Our luncheon will be at the Mount Vernon Inn and we will be honoring six high school students by awarding them each with a \$1,000 scholarship. We will also be honoring two of our membership that have been nominated for ASMC National awards. These are exciting times and these recipients/nominees all have a lot to be proud of. I hope you are able to come join us for the festivities.

This month is also the when the ASMC National Professional Development Institute will be taking place in New Orleans. There will lots of fun and excitement for everyone attending in addition to wealth of speakers on most every subject imaginable. Several sessions have recently been added to the schedule concerning the Financial Management Modernization Program (FMMP). Everyone will want to learn more about the future of Financial Management Systems within the Department of Defense (DoD). We all dream that one day we will have only one financial management system within DoD. One system that is user friendly, contains all of the information our leaders need or want at their finger tips and is CFO compliant. One system that meets all of our needs regardless of which branch of service we work for. Imagine being able to change services without having to learn a new system. Come to the PDI and find how and when DoD plans to make this dream a reality. Will it happen before you retire? Will you actually get to see this dream become a reality? Come to the PDI and find out for yourself. I hope to see each and every one of you in New Orleans. Stop by our booth on the Chapter Fair night, or better yet, volunteer to help out at the booth. New Orleans is always fun and exciting place to visit. See you there!!

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Chapter News

3 April 2003 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

by
Edna Plancon, Secretary

The CEC meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers was called to order at 11:15 by President Pat Ackerman. The meeting was held in room 140B in the Casey building at HECSA.

The following Officers were in attendance:

Pat Ackerman, President
Harry Ravert, Vice President
Mary Sutton, Membership Director
Edna Plancon, Secretary
Sherry Broussard, Chapter Competition

The following officers were excused:

Diane Andrews, Awards & Scholarship Director
Marticia Banks-Booker, Education Director
Stacey Royston, Newsletter Director
Deborah McLauren, Publicity & Photography Director
Rose Green, Social & Community Services Director
Jill Karayannis, Treasurer
Dave Knowlton, Program Director
Kevin Brooks, Web-Master
Steve Breyfogle, Services Director

Information on upcoming luncheons:

In the absence of Steve check your e-mail for date, time and place for May luncheon.

Officer's Discussion:

President – Pat announced we need to discuss Rose's dilemma. The March of Dimes Flyer should be sent to the Publicity Director, to be forwarded to the POC's. The cleaning up of route 1, has been cancelled for the spring. We might end up cleaning it in the fall. Pat announced, Marticia needs to send information about the Professional Development Day to Kevin to be put on the web site.

Vice President - Harry is getting everything ready for the Booth at the Professional Development Institute. Harry is ordering 5,000 full color foil stickers for the Mount Vernon Chapter to give out at the Professional Development Institute. We will be able to use any that are left over, next year. Edna Plancon and Stacey Royston have volunteered to help represent the Mount Vernon Chapter by working in the Booth

at the PDI, but we need more volunteers. If you are interested please contact Harry Ravert.

Awards & Scholarship – Diane has selected 2 student applications to send forward to national for the scholarship competition. There were no applications submitted for CEU, from the membership of the ASMC.

Chapter Competition Director – Sherry announced Rita needs the information for the Chapter Competition. Contact Kathy Holcombe for the flyer for CDFM. She also announced, Rita will be back this month.

Education Director – Marticia sent word, Lieutenant General (Ret) McCall, will be our Keynote speaker at Professional Development Day. Everything is near completion for our PDD.

Newsletter Director – (Stacey) – No Report.

Program Director – (Dave) - No Report.

Publicity and Photography Director – (Deborah) – No Report

Secretary – (Edna) - No Report.

Services Director – No Report. Steve needs to set up a place for the May Luncheon.

Social & Community Services Director – (Rose) - No Report.

Treasurer – (Jill) – Does anyone know if Jill got in touch with the Washington Chapter about using their Credit Card Machine for the PDD.

Web Master – (Kevin) – No Report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00.



Chapter News

27 March 2003
Certification Committee Meeting
Minutes
by Kathy Holcombe

ATTENDEES:

Chairperson:

Kathy Holcombe, CEERD-ZA-T,
 (703) 428-9110

Committee Members:

Stacey Royston, CEHEC-RM-B, (703) 428-7325
 Denise Klink, USASPO, (703) 428-8871

The meeting opened with a brief discussion of current events affecting and information regarding the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) program. Each member then discussed their accomplishments to date.

Brief discussion on the possibility of having the Chapter host an Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training (EDFMT) course on Ft Belvoir. Tabled discussion until next meeting.

Kathy asked each committee member to review and provide comments on the revision of the Chapter CDFM brochure. She contacted John Bunnell, the ASMC CDFM point of contact at National, to request a CDFM speaker (Donna Brown) for four hours at the upcoming Professional Development Day (PDD) training on 17 Apr 03.

Marticia was unable to attend the CDFM meeting.

Stacey will publish an article about the CDFM program from meeting minutes in the upcoming newsletter.

Jim was unable to attend the CDFM meeting. He contacted John Bunnell and confirmed that National does not have a recommended structure for CDFM Study Groups. John indicated that study groups should be structured to best address the needs of group members, and his only guidance was that National does not want the study groups to photocopy the Study Guide (the Enhanced Defense Finance Management Training course textbook). John was also able to locate our 12 Mar 02 letter requesting a free copy of the study guide plus an additional copy for \$30 (follow-up note: John provided Kathy two copies of the Study Guide at the PDD at no cost). The current price is now \$40 per copy and chapters are authorized a maximum of five copies.

Robin was unable to attend the CDFM meeting. She will compile a list of chapter members who have obtained their CDFM certification as well as capture those members who have completed various modules. She will also prepare a draft survey/questionnaire and distribute to membership via email in order to verify those members who have completed various modules and/or obtained certification within the Chapter. Robin will serve as the committee's point of contact for this action, and members should contact her once they have completed a module or obtained their certification. She will also research and verify if the chapter is in fact receiving a \$25 rebate from National once members have been certified.

Denise will finalize the CDFM promotional poster, and contact the Topographic Engineering Center graphics support team to create 20" x 30" poster board for the PDD. She will also request ten additional poster boards for the Chapter at a latter date, which the committee plans to distribute to local Ft Belvoir agencies (like the Garrison DRM, DLA, INCOM, CIDC, PEO, HECSA, etc.) for display purposes.

The certification committee plans to meet again in May (tentatively scheduled for 22 May 03 at 1300 in the ERDC VTC Conference Room located on the third floor of the Kingman Building).

ASMC, Mount Vernon Chapter congratulates all who have passed the three CDFM exams:

Patricia Claire Ackerman
 Billy Winston Antley
 Marticia Dawn Banks-Booker
 Christine S. Bossard
 William Michael Culbreth
 David Michael Elliott
 Hyunjoo B Fleming
 Debra Joives Flowers
 Linda J Furiga
 Karen N Grechanik
 Kathleen Mary Grunden *
 James Michael Hamilton
 Richard L Hurley
 Jill Frostholt Karayannis
 David A Knowlton
 Melvin Charles Merritt
 Sharon Osborne Richardson *
 Stacey E Royston
 Mary Jeanne Thoms
 Robyn J Walick *

Information as of Thursday, May 08, 2003

* annotates a certification date within the past 31 calendar days.

Chapter News

JUNE LUNCHEON

DATE/TIME: To be announced (TBA)

SPEAKER/TOPIC: TBA

LOCATION: TBA

MENU/COST: TBA

GRAPEVINE NEWS



INSCOM

Congratulations to COL Bill Antley, Mary Thoms, Christy Bossard, Kathleen Grunden and Robyn Walick on becoming our newest CDFMs

Congratulations to:

Jessica Bird-Rogers on her new job in the INSCOM G3 - Operations

Robyn Walick on her new job as the INSCOM GDIP Budget Analyst

Mary Thoms on her selection as an INSCOM CCP Programmer

David Kirby, who has been promoted to GG-12

Farewell to MAJ Jill Karayannis as she heads to her new job as the Budget Officer for the Chief of Staff of the Army

Tom Lord will move from the 2d MI Center to HQ, INSCOM on 2 June. He is currently a member of the Washington Chapter, but we can fix that!

Fred Kuttesch, the 2d MI Center Budget Officer, will retire on 3 Aug

The 2d MI Center will welcome Deborah A. Case on 2 June. She comes to them from ATEC as a Budget Analyst, and will be the 2d MI Center new Budget Officer.

Welcome to McKean Knowlton, the new son of MAJ Dave Knowlton and his wife PJ.

Welcome to Hannah Grunden, the new granddaughter of Kathleen and John Grunden

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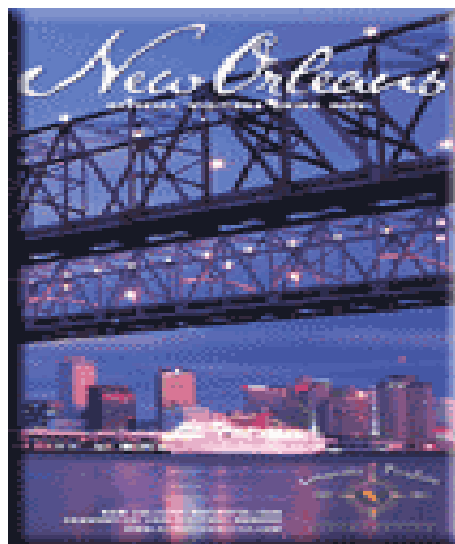
DLA

New Employee: Estefanie Duncan (J-85)

CONGRATULATIONS TO Stephanie Easter (J-83) for winning the J-8 Peer Award for April 2003.

PDI 2003 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help represent the Mount Vernon Chapter at our booth at the chapter fair at the PDI in New Orleans Thursday night, 29 May. The chapter fair runs from 1900 to 2200 and volunteers are needed for half hour shifts. The theme for the Chapter Fair will be "Music, Magic and Masks of New Orleans". Come out and have some fun and represent your chapter at the same time. Please email your information to: Harry.Ravert@us.army.mil or call 806-0526.



NATIONAL NEWS

PDI 2003: Financial Management, and all that Jazz!

By the time you read this you will no doubt be registered for the PDI in New Orleans. Please be sure that your chapter is represented at each of the following events! Chapter presidents or a chapter representative should check in at the ASMC booth upon arrival at the PDI in the registration lobby of Hall A.

President's Reception - Wed, 28 May, 1800 hours

This reception is for Chapter Presidents, national officers and invited guests. This informal forum will give Chapter Presidents the opportunity to talk with other chapters, national officers and ASMC staff.

National Council Meeting - Thu, 29 May, 1400 hours, Convention Center

Chapter presidents or their representative should attend this meeting. Agendas for this formal meeting of the National Council will be provided at the Chapter President check-in on Tuesday. Chapter representatives should register for this meeting, listed as workshop number 10.

Chapter Informational Roundtables - Wed-Fri, 28 May - 30 May, 0700-0745

A national representative will moderate open discussion on chapter development topics. Share your ideas and get answers to your questions! Please be sure that your chapter is represented at all twelve sessions!

- Wed, 28 May - Scholarships and Grants, Newsletters, Officer Transition
- Thu, 29 May - Membership, Chapter Websites, Certification, Achievement Awards
- Fri, 30 May - Chapter Awards, Strategic Planning, Legal Issues

Workshop 11 - Planning Chapter Educational Activities, Thu, 29 May, 1400

Discussion items will include, but not be limited to, planning a diverse educational calendar; to include luncheons, local training days and mini-PDIs. It will include instruction on working with presenters; presentation techniques, and legal contract issues. Please have at least one representative from your chapter attend this workshop.

Impact of War in Iraq on PDI 2003 in New Orleans - The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Professional Development Institute in New Orleans LA, 27-30 May 2003 will be conducted as scheduled. It is the opinion of the society leadership and the senior financial management leadership of the Department of Defense and U.S Coast Guard that the resource management issues to be discussed are in fact more topical given the events in Iraq and other places of military activity throughout the world. If necessary, the society will modify the training program and workshop presentations to fit the situation in late May 2003. In addition, all appropriate security measures have been taken regarding the safety of attendees.

Membership Processing - Timely membership processing is vital to the member service of our association. National Headquarters strives to input all data into the system within three days of receipt. Please help us keep membership processing timely by following the guidelines shown on the reverse.

- Chapters should not send batches of renewal membership. All renewals must come directly to National Headquarters in the full amount of \$20. Cooperation from chapters in this policy will expedite payment and lower the administrative costs of mailing invoices.

- Chapters may collect an application from a new member, but it is critical that it be mailed in to National HQ immediately. A batch received on April 2, 2003 from a chapter contained memberships dating as far back as September 2002.

This is an unacceptable disservice to the new member, who believes himself to be a member when they hand over the check.

Once a new member is received at National Headquarters, a new member kit is processed. We mail these once a month for members who joined the prior month. The kit includes a welcome letter, certificate, membership card, and a card to request national program information. We cannot welcome a new member until we receive and process the application. Membership cards are not sent to renewal members unless requested.

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Rebate reports are sent monthly to chapters, unless the total rebate is less than \$40. This report should be given to your chapter Treasurer with the check, and a copy provided to the membership chairperson. This report allows the chapter to track whose payment has been processed into the national database.

DoD Funds Professional Certification Testing - Funds in support of civilian employee reimbursement for professional certification testing have been forwarded by MIPR to Military Departments and Defense Agencies in support of recent new legislative authority and DoD policy. According to a DoD source, approximately \$1.6 million has been released to implement this program in FY 03. The Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) examination is one of the tests eligible for such reimbursement. Look for more details through your chain of command.

ASMC CDFM Continuing Professional Education (CPE) - Eighty hours of CPE are required every 24 months to maintain active CDFM status. ASMC is considering the following additions to the policy for renewing CDFM Certification:

1. A ninety-day extension will be granted upon request (however CPE earned in the extension period will not be counted toward the subsequent 24-month (now 21-month) requirement).
2. Following the ninety-day extension, if the required CPE have not been submitted, the CDFM holder is placed in "inactive status" and asked not to use the CDFM designation or publicly display the certificate. A list of inactive CDFM will be displayed on the ASMC web site.
3. Unless inactive status is remedied by attaining 80 hours of CPE during a 24 month period, "inactive status" will be terminated and the CDFM designation withdrawn.

ASMC will be glad to hear your opinion of these policies. Please email Mr. John Bunnell at bunnellj@asmccertification.com

Government Symposium on Information Sharing and Homeland Security

On June 30-July 2, 2003 The Government Symposium on Information Sharing & Homeland Security will take place at the Philadelphia Marriott in Philadelphia, PA. The Government Emerging Technology Alliance (GETA) and the Government Expert Planning Committee are sponsors of this event. An emphasis will be placed on the role of the Department of Homeland Security, the new Terrorist Threat Integration Center, and the task of current and new technologies, recognizing the overriding priority of preventing, preempting, and disrupting terrorist threats, while continuing to ensure the protection of intelligence or sensitive law enforcement sources and methods. This will provide a forum for representatives from federal, state, and local governments, along with the private sector, to discuss where improvements have been made and exchange ideas and identify solutions for information sharing, use, and handling among all organizations whose mission is to enhance national security. Visit www.federalevents.com for additional information.



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- Become CDFM Certified through Mount Vernon Chapter ASMC, which offers Enhanced Defense Financial Management Skills and advance your career
- Promote the education and training of its members, and support the development and advancement of the profession of military comptrollership
- Offer professional development opportunities yearly to include participation in the National PDI, Local PDD and monthly luncheon workshops
- Provide opportunities to demonstrate leadership by serving as a Chapter President or other Chapter Officer
- Save you Money! Being a member entitles you to discounts on registration fees for the national conference, as well as local training events and luncheons. After 2 years of membership, you qualify to submit for Member's Continuing Education Grant Program.

Become an ASMC Member Today!

Mount Vernon Chapter, ASMC, ATTN: Membership Director, P.O. Box 99, Fort Belvoir, VA
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http://www.hecsa.usace.army.mil/asmc_mtvernon

BE DO HAVE Written by Joe Riggio (joeriggio@msn.com)



The problem still exists. You do not know what you want to do. Ask yourself “Who do I want to be?” This will help you figure out what to do. Make your list of what you want to have to include things like a good family life, peace of mind and of course all of those material things to help you feel good about life. The process is BE, Do, Have!

To help you get started on who you want to be by asking yourself if you could be anybody that you know who would that person be? Who has the life style that you want? Who is your hero? It may be a combination of people so put the pieces of the person you want to be together and start being that person. You can change who you are! It is possible and believe it! Do this by making an appointment with your self and spending at least 30 minutes a day thinking about the person you want to become. Fix that image of you in your mind. As you figure out who you want to be, the natural progression is to start to do what it takes to become that person.

What to do will follow easily. Once you decide on who you want to be, you will know what to do. If the person you want to be needs a certification or a college degree, you go to school and get it! If the person you want to be has outstanding personal skills you take a course or listen to tapes on self-improvement (See SELF IMPROVEMENT http://www.nightingale.com/twww_main.asp?source=AFF47105). If the person you want to be is healthy and full of life you decide to make health a top priority and take action (Take a free health short survey at <http://www.innerlightinc.com/joeriggio>. You will have the opportunity to get life changing information and become healthier). The doing part of your life becomes easier because you have an image of who you want to be and that becomes the powerful driving force and motivation to take action!

So as you start down that path of becoming the person you want to be, you will find positions and opportunities that will fit the person you want to become. Instead of shot gunning your resumes out to the world, you will start focusing in on the company or organization that you want to be associated with. You start networking with people that you want to be like. For example, if you like people that help other people, you find them at hospitals, nonprofit organizations, Red Cross to name a few. Where would you look? Your natural desires or passion to work with people like you in the organization will come through in the interview. You will have a better chance of getting the position. You see this is a process. You can use this process and fill in your own details.

You will also start to have the things that you want in life because you are doing the things that it takes to become the person you want to be. That person, you want to be wants specific things that make up their life. You see it is not about the money it is about the life style you want. Money is an abstract concept but the life style you want to include house, car, vacations and other wonderful things are real to you. It becomes more of a motivator for you to take action. You will start to do what it takes to get and maintain that life style because you are becoming the person you want to be. Then you will have the things that money can and cannot buy. An example is money can buy you a good bed but it cannot buy you a good nights sleep. What other things do you want that money can and cannot buy? Write them down and make them part of the person you want to be.

So start right now! Be who you want to be by thinking about who you want to be, and then do the things the person you want to be does. You will then have the things that the person you want to be wants. BE, DO and HAVE! Let me know who you are becoming.

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